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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 24, 2002, Applicants herein amend the above-identified application and respond as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for operating a first computer that is connected to a network, the method comprising the steps of:

loading first configuration data for a first task, allocated to the first computer, into the first computer via the network wherein the loading is initiated either independently or in response to a specific request;

automatically reconfiguring the physical hardware structure of the first computer corresponding to the first configuration data so that the first computer exhibits a hardware structure adjusted to the first task; and

processing the first task with the first computer configured with the first configuration data.